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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the office action in the parent Application S.N. 09/248,788, mailed
December 30, 1999 (paper #3) please amend the specification as follows:

In the specification

On page 1, line 5 after "application is" insert - a continuation of U.S. Patent

Application Serial Number 09/248,788, entitled, "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
MAINTAINING SECURITY IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER NETWORK," filed
February 12, 1999, which is - .

Delete from page 8, line 3 through page 9, line 9.

On page 21, line 4 after the word "subject," replace the word "math" with the
word - - match - - .